

REMARKS**Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 31-64 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,999,979 to Vellanki. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of Claims 31-64 on at least the grounds that Vellanki is not prior art as against the subject application.

Vellanki was filed on March 14, 1997 and claims priority to provisional application 60/033,662 dated January 30, 1997. The present application was filed on March 14, 2000 with a preliminary amendment. The preliminary amendment amended the cross-reference to related applications to read in part: "This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/822,156, filed March 14, 1997, ... U.S. Application Serial No. 08/818,769, filed on March 14, 1997, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Automatically Detecting Protocols in a Computer Network" ... provisional U.S. Application Serial No. 60/036,662, filed on January 30, 1997, entitled "Methods and Apparatus for Autodetecting Protocols in a Computer Network"..." Accordingly, Vellanki does not predate the present application.

Applicant respectfully requests prompt allowance of the subject application. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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